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Montana to Receive \$17,188,322 from Interior Under Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program

Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton today announced that Montana will receive \$17,188,322 under the Payment In Lieu of Taxes Act to compensate county governments whose jurisdictions contain tax-exempt federal lands.

“These important dollars help states offset the loss of tax revenues to counties that contain federal lands,” Norton said. “This money helps pay for essential services such as firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, and a host of other badly needed on-the-ground services.”

The money distributed to Montana will go to 56 counties eligible under the PILT program for tax revenue lost because of the federal land in their jurisdiction. The \$17,188,322 that Montana receives this year represents a \$506,386 increase over Fiscal Year 2004. The counties receiving the largest payments are Ravalli, Flathead, and Lewis and Clark.

A table showing Montana’s 2005 PILT payments by county is attached.

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MONTANA PILT 2005

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Anaconda-Deer Lodge	\$284,670
Beaverhead	547,446
Big Horn	8,199
Blaine	391,394
Broadwater	361,345
Butte-Silver Bow	303,222
Carbon	591,318
Carter	117,657
Cascade	283,867
Chouteau	200,794
Custer	465,164
Daniels	237
Dawson	33,477
Fallon	23,061
Fergus	666,931
Flathead	1,352,815
Gallatin	947,962
Garfield	117,724
Glacier	567,699
Golden Valley	42,046
Granite	139,289
Hill	52,370
Jefferson	575,837
Judith Basin	170,040
Lake	163,431
Lewis and Clark	1,358,615
Liberty	42,035

Local Unit of Government	Total Paid This FY
Lincoln	345,896
Madison	531,987
McCone	170,364
Meagher	119,892
Mineral	127,165
Missoula	668,856
Musselshell	103,434
Park	832,686
Petroleum	46,880
Phillips	272,491
Pondera	139,789
Powder River	117,698
Powell	409,021
Prairie	84,984
Ravalli	1,440,198
Richland	30,789
Roosevelt	2,886
Rosebud	64,482
Sanders	181,004
Sheridan	352
Stillwater	257,768
Sweet Grass	318,443
Teton	374,883
Toole	53,331
Treasure	148
Valley	483,566
Wheatland	86,201
Wibaux	5,342
Yellowstone	109,141
TOTAL	\$17,188,322